



PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i9)

In re Application of:)
Chad A. Mirkin, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/973,638)
Filed: October 10, 2001)
For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING)
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ATTACHED)
THERETO AND USES THEREFOR)

Examiner: J. Riley

Art Unit: 1656

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated April 3, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.